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IN HONOR OF THE UKRAINIAN
AMERICAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of the Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA), as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary as a world wide youth organization. In northeast Ohio, the UAYA is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the UAYA Campgrounds in Huntington, Ohio.

For more than a century, Americans of Ukrainian heritage have infused the richness of Ukrainian heritage throughout our Greater Cleveland community. Their significant contributions within all facets of our society, along with their collective focus on preserving and promoting the history of the Ukraine, is enhanced with every new generation of Americans of Ukrainian heritage.

The leaders and members of the UAYA provide vital opportunities for American youth of Ukrainian descent to attain a true understanding of the history, faith, culture of the Ukraine. The UAYA also provides vital cultural opportunities for young people to become active and lasting members of their local Ukrainian community—a community centered around family, faith and tradition.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Ukrainian American Youth Association, as leaders and members celebrate the vital and ongoing legacy of teaching, preserving and sharing memories, customs and culture of their beloved Ukraine. Through the efforts of the UAYA, the heart of the Ukraine transcends borders, oceans and time, and lives on within each new generation of children of Ukrainian heritage—in Cleveland, Ohio, and around the world.

MANKATO, MINNESOTA RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE “100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE”

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

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Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Mankato, Minnesota, for being a great place to live and grow up.

On Nov. 1, the city of Mankato was recognized as one of the “100 Best Communities” for Young People by America’s Promise, an organization founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell. At the awards ceremony in Washington, DC, Mankato also received a special award for its outreach efforts to Gulf Coast residents.

Located on the beautiful Minnesota River in the heart of Blue Earth County, Mankato is a great place to live. But as America’s Promise has recognized, Mankato is also a great place for young people. Boasting one of the lowest high school dropout rates among the Nation’s

small cities, Mankato remains committed to education and family values.

In particular, I would like to recognize the parents and teachers of the city who devote their time to Mankato’s youth. I would also like to commend Kathy Brynaert, Independent School District #77 School Board Chair and Anna Thill of the Mankato Area United Way who attended the awards ceremony and accepted the honor on behalf of the city.

In addition to the award for being one of the “100 Best Communities for Young People,” Mankato was also recognized for its work in aiding communities devastated by recent hurricanes. Red Cross volunteers and professionals from Mankato immediately responded to the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina by traveling to the Gulf Coast to lend a helping hand. Meanwhile, back in Mankato, community residents and local organizations rallied to collect money and supplies for hurricane victims. Local students designed cards offering their love and support that were delivered to children there.

I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring and congratulating these outstanding Americans.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SARGENT
SHRIVER

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Sargent Shriver on his 90th birthday today. It is fitting that we take this wonderful occasion to reflect on his life of service to our country.

Martin Luther King once said, “Everyone can be great because everyone can serve.” Sargent Shriver embodies this ideal. A man of stellar character and tireless energy, Ambassador Shriver has been long recognized as a true humanitarian and a dedicated public servant.

Ambassador Shriver received his bachelor’s degree from Yale University in 1938. He also attended Yale Law School where he earned an L.L.B. in 1941. Shriver began his lifelong commitment to public service in the United States Navy during World War II.

In 1961, Mr. Shriver answered the call of duty again when, at the request of President John F. Kennedy, he established and became Director of the Peace Corps. He helped organize operations around the world, from Africa and Asia to Latin America. Under his steadfast leadership, the Peace Corps provided medical, educational and technical assistance to foreign communities, while giving millions of Americans the opportunity to share our culture and values and democratic way of life with those less fortunate. Shriver’s service to our country took a diplomatic turn when he served as our Ambassador to France from 1968 to 1970.

Through his commitment to turning his ideals into reality, Sargent Shriver has inspired generations of young people to work to improve the lives of others through public service. As Director of the Peace Corps, Ambassador Shriver once stated, “I say what our nation needs now is a call to peace and service—peace and service on a scale we have scarcely begun to imagine.” These words still

ring as true today as they did when they were first spoken.

While Ambassador Shriver is best known as the Founding Father of the Peace Corps, he has also been instrumental in the creation of many other programs which have the goal of helping Americans to better their lives. Among those programs are Head Start, Job Corps, Legal Services, Upward Bound, Community Action, Foster Grandparents, and the Special Olympics.

In 1994, President Clinton recognized Ambassador Shriver’s extraordinary commitment to public service by awarding him the nation’s highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Sargent Shriver’s accomplishments and his undying commitment to humanitarian efforts and I wish him well on his birthday and in the years to come. Happy Birthday, Sargent Shriver. We salute you!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, though I was absent during the legislative week of Tuesday, November 1 through Friday, November 4, 2005 and Monday, November 7, 2005 for medical reasons, I wish to have my intended votes recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the following votes:

November 1, 2005:

Rollcall vote 557 on H.R. 3548—“aye”; and Rollcall vote 558 on H.R. 3989—“aye”.

November 2, 2005:

Rollcall vote 559 on H.R. 1606—“aye”; Rollcall vote 560 on H.R. 4061—“aye”; and Rollcall vote 561 on H.R. 1691—“aye”.

November 3, 2005:

Rollcall vote 562 Appealing the Ruling of the Chair concerning the Iraq War Investigation—“aye”; Rollcall vote 563 on H. Res. 527—“aye”; Rollcall vote 564 on Amendment numbered 2 in House Report 109–266—“nay”; Rollcall vote 565 on Amendment numbered 5 in House Report 109–266—“nay”; Rollcall vote 566 on Amendment numbered 6 in House Report 109–266—“nay”; Rollcall vote 567 on Amendment numbered 11 in House Report 109–266—“nay”; and Rollcall vote 568 on H.R. 4128—“aye”.

November 4, 2005:

Rollcall vote 569 on H.R. 3057—“nay”.

November 7, 2005:

Rollcall vote 570 on H. Con. Res. 260—“aye”; Rollcall vote 571 on H.R. 1973—“nay”; and Rollcall vote 572 on H. Res. 444—“aye”.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS.
KATHLEEN TURNER

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations and recognition to Ms. Kathleen Turner as she completes her tour of duty

as the Chief, Office for Congressional Affairs at the Defense Intelligence Agency. In her current duties, she is responsible for all DIA interaction with the U.S. Congress and serves as the senior advisor on legislative matters to the Director and General Defense Intelligence Program Manager.

Ms. Turner is an alumnus of the Armed Forces Staff College, the Council for Excellence in Government Fellow Program and the DCI's Intelligence Fellows Program. Ms. Turner has held intelligence and management positions of increasing responsibility and importance within DIA. She began her professional career in DIA in 1981 as an analyst of Soviet Strategic Forces in the Research Directorate, joined the Senior Executive Service in 1990, culminating in her current position as the Director for Congressional Affairs, where she serves as the senior advisor on legislative matters to the Director of DIA and General Defense Intelligence Program Manager. During her 24 year career at DIA, Ms. Turner has been awarded the DIA Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service and the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive.

Fortunately for the Congress, Ms. Turner is not going far. She has accepted the position of Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence where she will serve as a trusted and valuable congressional advisor to Ambassador Negroponte.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Turner has already enjoyed a long and luminous career in intelligence, and as she moves on to the DNI staff, I hope all my colleagues will recognize the extraordinary contributions Ms. Kathleen Turner has made to our National Security as a life-long professional intelligence officer. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our confidence in her continued ability and willingness to serve the Nation . . . Ms. Turner is a true national asset in the intelligence business.

HONORING THE FELICIAN SISTERS ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Felician Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province, as they celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice.

On November 21, 1855, in Warsaw, Poland, Blessed Mary Angela, who was formerly Sophia Truszkowska, and her cousin Clothilde Ciechanowska, solemnly dedicated themselves to do the will of Jesus Christ in all things. Hereafter, the Felician Sisters were dedicated to a ministry of healing and service, based on Mary Angela's mission of "responding to the needs of the times."

Currently, the Felician Sisters number 1,966 members who share the charisma of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela, in 11 countries on the continents of Africa, Europe, North and South America. In my hometown of Livonia, alone, the Felician Sisters have founded St. Mary-Mercy Hospital, Madonna University, Ladywood High School, and Angela Hospice.

St. Mary-Mercy Hospital was founded by the Felician Sisters in 1959. The Hospital has grown in its commitment to the community and in excellence in clinical care and services. This year St. Mary-Mercy Hospital placed in the top five percent nationally for clinical excellence, and in the top two percent nationally for patient safety. These awards are well deserved recognition for the Felician Sisters, physicians, nurses and support staff of the hospital.

Madonna University was founded by the Felician Sisters in 1937 and is one of the largest Catholic Franciscan independent universities in the country. Through undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional study, Madonna University provides men and women with the opportunities for intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

Ladywood High School is sponsored by the Felician Sisters and also follows the Franciscan tradition. The school aims to educate young women in the attainment of Catholic values, human potential, and the ability to put faith and knowledge into fruitful action.

Angela Hospice, founded in 1985, has been providing care for those of every age and stage of life that may need it. Angela provides care to individuals at home or in a care facility in Livonia, as well as support and counseling for family members. Recently, Angela Hospice launched the "Angela House Call" program to provide home physician visits for the elderly—another example of the commitment by the Felician Sisters to our community.

Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of Mary Angela I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and applauding the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Felician Sisters and praise their ministry of healing and service, and their efforts to maintain the utmost respect for every human life.

IN HONOR OF ALL UNITED STATES VETERANS AND HOLLY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF WESTLAKE, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of all veterans of the 10th Congressional District of Ohio—for their service, bravery and dedication on behalf of our country. Most significantly, we stand in tribute and remembrance of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice when they answered the call to duty.

I also stand in honor and recognition of the children and educators of Holly Lane Elementary School. By allowing our students the opportunity to meet and know our veterans, we are presenting them living examples of real heroes. We are giving them a true understanding of the meaning of the words conviction, courage and selflessness. We are offering them the understanding of a living lesson that speaks to our American history and to the preservation of our liberty—the brave men and women who have endured great hardship and sacrifice in order to secure freedom for us all.

Every veteran that stands before us today at Holly Lane Elementary School represents the heart and soul of America and reminds us of

our quest for justice and peace here at home, and the struggle of those who seek justice and peace around the world. The staff and students of Holly Lane Elementary School reflect the gratitude and respect for our men and women in the armed forces, sentiments that are shared by all Americans. The students of Holly Lane Elementary School also reflect a vision of hope for our future.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, tribute and gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. They reflect the quest and struggle for human rights and freedom from oppression, basic human elements that unify us all. Let us forever remember and honor their honorable service, great sacrifice and unwavering sense of commitment to the preservation of our American democracy.

HONORING EMPLOYERS OF NA- TIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RE- SERVISTS

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I share my strong support for H. Res. 302, honoring the employers of National Guardsmen and Reservists who have been called to active duty.

Today, 1.3 million Americans serve in the Guard and Reserve, representing nearly half of our total military force.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Minnesota National Guard members have served on active duty supporting operations in more than 30 countries around the world. This fall, 2,600 Guard members from the 34th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team were activated for service in Iraq.

Their 18-month mission will take them away from family and friends, their careers and their everyday lives. They will miss birthdays and anniversaries, holidays and school plays, a baby's first steps and home-cooked meals. However, these soldiers could not perform their mission without the support of their civilian employers.

In 1972, President Nixon established the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). In Minnesota, there are 140 ESGR volunteers who promote the value of Guard and Reserve employees.

Last year, the State of Minnesota received the Defense Secretary's Employer Support Freedom Award for its programs supporting activated service members. The State, for example, makes up the difference between a reservist's active-duty pay and his or her State salary.

The Minnesota Timberwolves organization are another outstanding example of a business that supports the Guard and Reserve. In 2004, the Timberwolves received the ESGR's "Outstanding Corporate Citizen Award." This year, the Timberwolves are hosting a "Salute to the Armed Forces" event at the Target Center on Nov. 9. The team donated more than 1,200 tickets for the month of November so military personnel can attend a game.

Support of the Guard and Reserve also takes place at the local level. This year, the New Ulm Police Department and Immanuel St.